



Daniels signs comprehensive health insurance plan

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Governor Daniels signed legislation that will advance health care policy in Indiana through an innovative and comprehensive program to provide health insurance coverage for uninsured Hoosiers and reduce the state's high rate of smoking. State Senator Patricia Miller and Representative Charlie Brown, who worked throughout the just-concluded legislative session to gain passage of the plan, were among those who joined the governor to sign HEA 1678.

"Today we are taking a long step toward the dream of a healthier Indiana. We are taking the longest, single step Indiana has ever taken in this direction," said Daniels. "With the tools these brave



May 10, 2007 - Governor Daniels with State Senator Patricia Miller (left) and Representative Charlie Brown (right) during the bill signing ceremony for SEA 1678, a bill that will advance health care policy in Indiana.

legislators have provided us, now we must go about the difficult business, harder than you may think, of reaching those who would like to stop smoking with help, of finding the children who are not being immunized on time in this state and seeing that it happens in every single case and reaching out to those without insurance to let them know about a great new opportunity that may apply to them, and then connecting them so they can go to bed tonight with a peace of mind of knowing they are protected."

The plan includes a 44-cent increase in the price of cigarettes, which is estimated to discourage 40,000 fewer youth smokers and 23,400 fewer adult smokers. Daniels introduced the plan last November, and the bill passed the Indiana House and Senate with bipartisan support.

[Click here](#) to visit Governor Daniels' Web site to listen to audio from the bill signing ceremony.

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Governor, delegation heads to two European countries

May 12, 2007

Governor Daniels and a 32-member delegation headed to two European countries Saturday to continue efforts to bring jobs and investment to Indiana and strengthen relationships with companies that employ Hoosiers in their Indiana operations. The governor will visit Germany and the United Kingdom during the weeklong trip.

"It's always a good idea to thank your customers, those who are insourcing jobs to Indiana," said Daniels. "We believe it's important to maintain

existing business relationships and explore how we can get others started."

The delegation includes state, business and community representatives who will participate in continuing Indiana's economic comeback.

"We select trade mission trips based on where we think the chance of return is the highest," said Daniels. "We'll talk about the welcoming climate in Indiana and what we're doing to make our state an even more attractive place to do business."

